



Hathern C of E Primary School

Weekly Update

Friday 15th October 2021

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In this weeks update:

- Half-term—we just about made it!
- Parent Governor Election results
- Parents' Evenings—25th-28th October

Challenging times

Half-term has arrived and it couldn't have come at a better time for us at school. This has been an incredibly challenging fortnight for our community as Covid finally reached the gates of Hathern.

Over the last two weeks we have had 37 positive cases reported in children and 9 in our staff. The isolation period has meant that we have had to employ staff in different roles doing different jobs just to keep the school running. In order to reduce transmission further, we have re-introduced many of the strategies employed in the Summer term and these seem to have helped. The children have been brilliant in adapting to these measures and have acted responsibly and with understanding. They are a credit to you and the school.

As parents, I would ask that you remain vigilant over the half-term break though for all our sakes. I'm hoping the 9 days away from school will provide a 'firebreak' enabling us to come back to school on Monday 25th and enjoy an uninterrupted run up to Christmas.

Enjoy the break and stay safe.
Steve Dunn, Headteacher

Parent Governor Election

Our parent governor ballot closed recently and I would like to say a big thank you to all those who voted. In total, 52 votes were cast for the three candidates and the results were—Graham Spencer 48%, Simon Taylor 31% and Sharon Dhesi 21%.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the candidates for putting themselves forward for the position and congratulate Graham Spencer on being voted in (again) as Parent Governor. He will continue to serve the Governing Body as parent representative for the next four years.

Stephen Dunn, Returning Officer

Parents Evening Autumn Term 2021

As we had to cancel our planned parents' evenings this week, we have decided because of the recent surge in positive Covid cases to hold our Autumn Term Parents' Evenings remotely. In order to make the process as simple and straightforward as possible, we have bought into the [SchoolCloud](#) system again which we used previously in the Spring Term.



Today you should receive a text from school containing a link to our SchoolCloud portal (<https://hathernceprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>). You simply have to click on the [link](#) (using your phone, tablet, iPad, laptop or PC) and follow the instructions. Your login details will be your name, email, child's name and date of birth—no other usernames or passwords are required. Once 'logged in' you will be asked to select a time/day when you would like to 'meet' your child's classteacher. Sessions will be available across the 4 days—Monday 25th to Thursday 28th October. Bookings can be made from today (15th) until midday Monday 25th. Parents can 'invite' partners to join them on the meeting through the schoolcloud portal.

Once booked, you will receive an email confirming your appointment. To attend the appointment, you will need to follow the link contained in that email. It is important that you 'attend' the meeting on time as they are tightly scheduled and managed by the portal. By arriving late you will have less time to talk with your classteacher as the meeting will end as planned, regardless of when you joined the meeting.

This [demonstration video](#) explains the process clearly, please [watch](#) it.

Of course, if you are unable to access the technology to facilitate an online parents evening, then just get in touch and we can arrange a telephone meeting instead.

If you do not receive a text message containing the link, or if you experience any issues with the system do get in touch via email.

Many thanks.